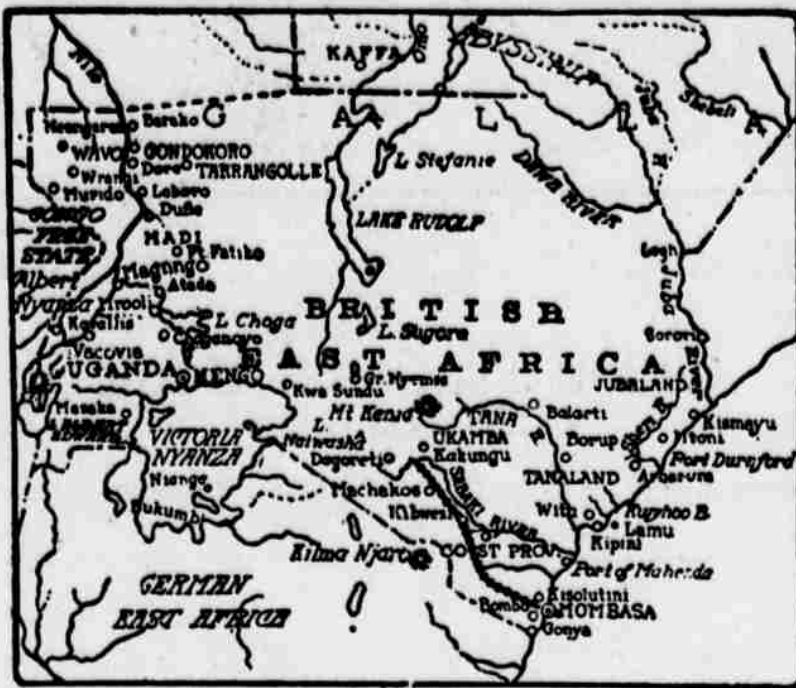


IMMENSE TRACT OF LAND IN AFRICA OFFERED TO JEWS FOR COLONIZATION.



American Jews endorse the plan of Great Britain to give their people a vast tract of land in East Africa for colonization. The offer was made at the opening of the sixth Zionist congress, which is now in session at Basel, Switzerland. If the Jews accept the offer Great Britain pledges itself to grant an autonomous government, subject only to British suzer-

ainty. This means that the Jews, for the first time since the days of the Roman conqueror, would have a country, a ruler and a flag of their own, with a government of their own choosing. The offer was presented through Dr. Theodore Herzl, president of the Zionist congress, and in his opinion Africa is much the preferable place for the colonization of the Jews.

FARMER OUTWITS SHARPER.

Gets Five Dollars from Confidence Men and Gives Them the Laugh.

A. I. Voorhees, a farmer living near Trenton, N. J., turned a trick on a brace of confidence men. Early in the morning a well-groomed stranger drove up to the Voorhees residence and asked if the Voorhees property was for sale. Voorhees told him that the farm could be bought, and the stranger was shown through the house and a tour was made of the farm.

The prospective purchaser seemed to be pleased with the lay of the land and was going over the details of a bargain when a man coming down the road stopped them and asked the way to New Brunswick. He claimed to be from Alabama and said that he had lost his way. The fellow pretended to be insane and pulled a roll of greenbacks and a pack of cards out of his pocket.

At the sight of the cards Voorhees became suspicious. The man with the roll said he wanted to get rid of the money, but could find nobody to take it. He handed each of the men in the carriage a five-dollar bill. Voorhees stuck the greenback in his vest pocket and, jumping out of the carriage, bade the men good-bye, telling them that the game was too old for that locality. The man from Alabama suddenly recovered his reason and, leaping into the carriage, he was rapidly driven in the direction of Princeton, swearing a blue streak as he went.

CAREER OF GENERAL WRIGHT.

New Governor of the Philippines a Well-Known Lawyer.

Gen. Luke E. Wright, who is to succeed Gov. Taft as governor general of the Philippines when Taft goes into the cabinet as secretary of war to succeed Secretary Root, is a native of Tennessee and is 53 years old. He is a son of the late Judge Archibald Wright, formerly chief justice of the Supreme court of Tennessee, and served eight years as attorney general of



the state. He is one of the foremost lawyers of the Memphis bar and has always taken a prominent part in the politics of the state. In politics he was a gold democrat.

\$5,000 After Forty Years.

Daniel Prime of Easton, Pa., a colored man, has received a letter from Charles Smith, an attorney of Jackson, Mich., stating that Prime is a legatee to the amount of \$5,000 under the will of Jonathan Moore of that place.

In the civil war Prime was a sergeant in company H. Fifty-fourth (colored) Massachusetts regiment. Jonathan Moore was a first lieutenant in the Eleventh Michigan. In operations near Charleston Lieutenant Moore was wounded in the leg. Prime took off his own blouse and wrapped it around the leg to stop the flow of blood, and carried the lieutenant to the rear. The men never met again, but Moore learned the name of the man who had saved his life.

FREE TRADE PLAIN

FAULT FOUND WITH BUREAU OF STATISTICS.

Yet the Figures Sent Out by the Department of Commerce and Labor Simply Show Real Conditions of the Country's Industrial Progress.

The Springfield Republican is greatly exercised over the bulletins sent out by the Bureau of Statistics, which has now been transferred from the Treasury department to the Department of Commerce and Labor. The Republican does not attempt to impugn the accuracy or truth of the information sent out, its only objection being, apparently, that the bulletins help the cause of protection by chronicling the prosperous condition of the country, as shown in both our foreign and home commerce. It says: "These government specials to the newspapers average two or three a week, and as high tariff preachers they are not excelled by anything the American Protective Tariff League is doing." That is both high praise for the department and in itself the fullest possible vindication of the wisdom of the framers of the Dingley law.

The articles sent out once or twice a week by Mr. Austin are summaries for the most part of our foreign commerce and our internal trade. They are generally actual figures, with once in a while the figures for a single month estimated, but always very conservatively. Almost since the very beginning of the government it has been thought a matter of wisdom to give to the country the fullest possible statistics concerning our trade, particularly our foreign trade. For the past half century have these figures been given out quite in detail, and there is no one but the most hope-

less, these figures of trade and commerce are actual reports of accomplishment, and for that reason cannot be considered in any way as promoting any fiscal policy. When our balance of trade is six hundred millions we are told so, and when it falls below four hundred millions we are told that. We are simply told the truth in each and every case, no matter what it is or what brought it about or what will be its effect, and every impartial honest editor in the country, as well as every loyal reader, has nothing but thanks to express to the department and to the statistician who furnishes us with these interesting figures and facts concerning our industrial progress.

WOULD DESTROY CONFIDENCE.

Cuban Reciprocity Treaty Would Affect Michigan Prosperity.

Congressman Fordney writes to the American Economist as follows: Saginaw, West Side, Mich., July 25, 1903. Editor American Economist, New York. Dear Sir: Apropos to your strenuous fight for protection, and incidentally against the proposed Cuban reciprocity measure, I enclose a clipping from a local paper which goes to show what the American sugar beet and beet sugar industries may develop into if given the same chance in the future which they have had in the past. What is true of other states, if confidence in the business is not destroyed by harmful legislation, it may be urged that a 20 per cent cut will not destroy the industry. That might be true, but it certainly will destroy confidence in the industry and retard its development, to say the least. And is an American congress going to strike this all important enterprise, as well as others, a body blow, simply to assist the Cuban farmer, on the surface,

WANTED—A SYMPATHETIC STRIKE.



less pessimist who will not acknowledge that such information is not only instructive but almost invaluable. If, then, such figures are worth while to collect and print once a year, as is done in the "Statistical Abstract," or once a month, as is done in the "Summary of Commerce and Finance," then surely a weekly or even a daily gathering of similar figures must be both interesting and of value to all those concerned.

As regards the "promotion of the high tariff propaganda," the honest figures of the country's industrial advance during the last five years must tend to that very end. Mr. Austin does not manufacture his figures or his facts; he simply compiles and reports them, as he finds them on the official or authoritative records. As the Republican says: "These figures are spread out in specially prepared articles and mailed to the press for publication on a specified day." This is true, and a large portion of the press of the country feel deeply indebted to Mr. Austin and his associates for this work. The busy editor has neither the means nor the time to collect these figures and present them to his readers as he would like to. The Bureau of Statistics is intended for the very purpose, and the result of its work is the property of the public. The disloyal papers which do not want to publish anything reflecting credit upon their country will leave them alone; the papers who are proud of their country's record in industry as well as war publish them, or a part of them, as they see fit.

Evidently the Republican man is mad clear through because the country did not go to the demeriton howl during the late decline in stocks. He no doubt had his famous editorial, "I told you so," all ready, and being left high and dry by a flurry instead of a panic, he, of course, must get even somewhere, and so he goes for Mr. Austin and the "high tariff propaganda." A newspaper that finds fault with the publications of honest facts and figures calling attention to the progress of the country, either in its foreign or domestic trade, no matter from what sources or for what purpose the figures emanate and are promulgated, is not to be appeased by anything short of absolute free trade and the most panicky of panics that could possibly follow. The figures sent out from Washington to the newspapers are not like the weather reports, which are purely guess work, or the crop reports, which are not absolute, but simply estimates founded upon certain conditions. On the con-

but in reality the Sugar Refining Trust? Respectfully,

J. W. FORDNEY.

The newspaper clipping to which Congressman Fordney alludes is from the Courier-Herald of Saginaw, Mich., an important center of the sugar beet and beet sugar factories. The article is headed "Don't Monkey With the Sugar Beet," and is intended to show the vital importance of sugar beet culture in that part of Michigan as affecting the prosperity alike of the farmers and the wage earners who find employment in the beet fields. For example, two girls, both under thirteen years of age, last week received \$13.69 apiece for weeding sugar beets. This one item is pointed out as an inkling of the reason why the agricultural interest of this section of the state stands so solidly against anything proposed at Washington that bears any menace to the beet sugar industry; and also why Congressman Fordney last fall had the good will of the people of the country districts of the Eight Congressional district without regard to their party connections. The Courier-Herald closes by saying:

"The sugar beet has been a potent and large factor in the prosperity of this section of Michigan. And any one who approaches it around here with intent to minimize its influence will run up against trouble."

Cheap Food Drive.

A letter to the Boston Transcript from London says "the tide seems running swiftly in Chamberlain's favor." The free traders are no longer able to draw about them the mantle of Cobden, but are compelled to meet arguments. Things have reached such a stage in England that a man may now express the opinion that there is something else to be said on the subject of tariff than the drive about the cheap loaf. It is beginning to be seen that no matter how cheap the loaf may be, it is too dear for the British people when 30 per cent of them are admitted to be hovering within the border line of actual starvation. The question now raised is, How can work be had for these starving millions, and not how dear will bread be?—San Francisco Chronicle.

Chamberlain's Position.

The free traders, made up of the Liberals and Unionists of the old school, are rallying a new English party. Chamberlain will be in attendance with the protectionist colonies and the manufacturers, among others, at his back.—Boston Journal

Missouri Notes

The Joplin News-Herald thinks that the explanation of the Beirut incident is, "somebody simply lied."

Edward Weiss, a Nodaway county young man, has secured a position as instructor in science in a French school down in Chile.

The wonderful success of that mythical hospital in St. Joseph demonstrated the efficiency of newspaper advertising, anyway.

According to the Jack Pot man of the St. Joseph News the plumber who digs in the street without a permit should be compelled to dig in police court.

The negro Chautauqua at Carthage lost the promoters just \$25. But just think of the trouble that might have arisen over the gains, had there been any.

Evidently the editor of the Nevada Post has been short in "favors received" recently. Monday he said:

"If the Lord loveth a cheerful giver there are a great many people that He has little use for."

When in Spain Walter Williams called on the editor of a provincial journal to explain the press parliament of the World's fair, and asked him to give the subject a notice. The next day Mr. Williams read the following: "Mr. Walker Williams of the United States has purchased the state of Louisiana, and next year will give a celebration to which he invites his fellow journalists of Europe." Mr. Williams and the American consul next day succeeded in convincing the editor that a correction was necessary.

The result was the following terse statement: "Governor Francis of Missouri has purchased a large tract of land in the great American desert and Mr. Walker Williams is here to invite the journalists of Spain to a show which the governor will give next year."

Mrs. Polly Card of Vernon is cutting a second set of baby teeth at the age of 95.

A Joplin man bids for fame by asserting that he can pick out a good cantaloupe every time.

The St. Joseph Press was one year old Saturday. It is still in the arms of its parents.

The motto of the Norborne Leader Jeffersonian is: "I know not what the truth may be; I tell it as 'twas told to me."

Clarence K. Dow of Pierce City has bought the Monett Eagle. It might be said he has taken a flyer in the newspaper business.

It has been discovered that small boys have been making a practice of swimming in the South St. Joseph standpipe. Boil the water.

The physicians of Livingston county have organized to drive out the "fake" doctors. It looks as though the "quacks" will have to duck.

La Grange has scored, as usual. A resident of that town claims to own a dray horse that is a half sister to a second cousin of Lou Dillon.

It looks as though the Cashes are missing something by not running a column of "Reflections" in the Macon line Mirror.

Mrs. Namoni Wright, in the enjoyment of almost perfect health, has just celebrated her ninety-ninth birthday in Ten Mile township, near Macon. Five generations assembled to do her honor and the roll call showed five children, thirty-four grandchildren, ninety great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. Her oldest son is 79. With her husband she came to Missouri in a wagon.

H. C. Patton, the newspaper man who eloped from Centerville and was married in Warrensburg recently, probably took this course to help his paper out with a good story.

In the Columbia Herald Friday, immediately under a poem by a Columbia young woman named May-belle was an "ad" concerning a medicine "guaranteed to prevent suicide."

The Meadville physician who was fined for violating the liquor law because he wrote 301 prescriptions in three days might have known that no such a record would go in healthy old Missouri.

"Why," asks the Pee Dee Patriot, "don't some of the anti-hoodie exposure organs that are fighting Folk come right out and declare for Ed Butler for governor? They have all but done it already."

Leeson has five men with a total weight of 1,225 pounds, and five little men, whose combined weight is but 615 pounds.

"I've lived in old Missouri high on fifty years," was the first line of a poem written for the Richmond Missourian by a Nebraskan and printed Thursday.

Speaking of thin people, the Warrensburg Journal-Democrat says a boy was injured at Lone Jack the other day by falling through a crack in a merry-go-round.

The St. Joseph police arrested a negro kleptomaniac Wednesday, according to the News. Some of St. Joseph's negro population will be having appendicitis next.

It is not surprising that St. Joseph is threatening to sue the Burlington for the vacation of Fifth street. This is the time for vacations, you know.

Ellis Gumm of Ozark county was badly chewed up by a dog Wednesday.

A job in the Carthage powder mill seems to carry with it a chance for a raise at almost any time.

HUMOR OF THE DAY

Sallie and Willie.
"Willie, why is a man unlike a hen?"
"Giveltup."
"He can lay an egg on a hot stove without burning his feet and the hen can't."
"Huh! Funny, isn't it? Now you tell me, Sallie, of what use are ankles?"
"Ankles? Why, I don't know, Willie."
"To keep the calves from the corn."
—Roller Monthly.

But He Didn't Catch On.



Aubrey—Yonah daughter has consented to marry me, and—er—I'd like to know if there is any insanity in yonah family?

Old Gentleman (emphatically)—There must be!

Doing Time.

"There goes old Skinaer. He is beginning to look aged."

"Yes—he is old in years and older in sin. All his life he has been doing others, and now he is even trying to do Father Time."

"If he had had his deserts he would have been doing time long ago."

A Narrow Escape.

She—Of course he bored me awfully, but I don't think I showed it. Every time I yawned I just hid it with my hand.

He (trying to be gallant)—Really, I don't see how a hand so small could—er—hide—that is—beastly weather we're having isn't it?

How It Ended.

Askem—What became of the newly organized Honest Suffrage league?

Newitt—Well, you see, the president of the league found out that he had been mistaken, and that he really stood some show for a public office after all. So he resigned and the organization disbanded.

Often the Way.

Harry—I want to discard that girl and don't know how to do it.

Walter—Why don't you start in drinking heavily and she will be "gusted."

Harry—Oh, no. She'd want to marry me to reform me.

No Good.



Bertie—Did you hear my rich uncle was dead?

Gussie—No. What did he leave you?

Bertie—Nothing!

Gussie—Well, what's the good of his being dead?

Rough on Romance.

Romance and chivalry are not what they were, alas! Once the hero, having rescued the maiden from the tower, paused in his flight to exclaim:

"Hark! The hoof-beats of pursuers!"

But now:

"Smell! The odor of thy father's motorcar!"—Stray Stories.

Knew Several Ways to Use It.

Julius—Would you like to live your life over again?

Edgar—No, but I'd like to spend over again all the money I've spent.